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LETCHWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH and of the CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR, for the year 1943.

To the Chairman and Members of the Letchworth Urban District Council,
Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Harvey and Gentlemen,

At the request of the Ministry of Health, and in accordance with the Sanitary Officers' Orders, the following report is submitted. It is the twenty-fifth report on the sanitary circumstances and vital statistics of your district. The report covers the period from the 1st January to 31st December 1943. The report is considerably curtailed in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, but full records have been made for the year, and it is hoped to present these when circumstances are more favourable.

SECTION A:

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA:

The area of the district is 4,905 acres.

Inhabited Houses: At December 31st there was, according to the rate books, 5,111 occupied houses.

Rateable Value: The rateable value is estimated to be £164,964 and a penny rate is estimated to produce £660.

Extracts from VITAL STATISTICS:

Births:		Total	Males	Females
Live Births:	Legitimate	321	156	165
	Illegitimate	17	7	10
		338	163	175

This is the second highest number of births ever recorded. The birth rate is 15.7 compared with that of 16.5 for England and Wales.

Still Births:	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	10	6	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	10	6	4

The still birth rate per thousand live and still births is 28.

Deaths:	Total	Males	Females
	203	87	116

8 more than last year. The Death Rate is 9.4 compared with 12.1 for England and Wales.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes: There was one, the Maternal Mortality Rate being 2.8. It had been nil since 1931.

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age.

Infant Mortality:	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	14	8	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	14	8	6

Rate per thousand live births = 41 ALL INFANTS - the lowest rate ever recorded.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 live legitimate births = 43
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 live illegitimate births = 0.0
ENGLAND AND WALES ALL INFANTS = 49.

The causes of infantile deaths were: Prematurity 3, pneumonia 2, hydropsfoetalis 1, jaundice 1, meningitis 4, convulsions 1, peritonitis 1, diarrhoea 1.

The causes of death were:

Ref.		Males.	Females.
6.	Tuberculosis respiratory system	1	-
7.	Other forms of tuberculosis	-	1
9.	Influenza	1	1
10.	Measles	1	-
13.	Cancer: bronchial cavity etc.	1	-
14.	Cancer: stomach and duodenum	3	3
15.	Cancer of breast	-	3
16.	Cancer: all other sites	5	13
17.	Diabetes	-	2
18.	Intra cran. Vasc. lesions	9	18
19.	Heart disease	27	22
20.	Other diseases circulatory system	-	7
21.	Bronchitis	4	6

Ref.		Males	Females.
22.	Pneumonia	4	3
23	Other respiratory diseases	2	1
24	Ulcer stomach or duodenum	1	-
25	Diarrhoea under 2 years	-	1
26	Appendicitis	-	2
27	Other digestivediseases	3	5
28	Nephritis	2	8
29	Puerperal and post abortion sepsis	-	1
31	Premature birth	2	1
32	Congenital malformations, etc.	4	4
34	Road traffic accidents	1	1
35	Other violent causes	2	1
36	All other causes	14	12
	ALL CAUSES -	87	[illegible]

	Males.	Females.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	9	19
Rate per thousand population - 1.3		
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	1	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years)	-	1

There was no excessive or unusual mortality during the year.

SECTION B:

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(i) STAFF:

Medical Officer of Health (part-time):
BERTRAM SUGGIT, M.B., Ch.B. (Leeds and Manchester) D.P.H. (Cambs);
Chief Sanitary Inspector (also Designated Housing Officer, Inspector under Petroleum Acts, Shop Acts and Factories Acts):
ARTHUR JUMP, M.S.I.A., Cert.R.San.Inst. (Meat and Foods);
Additional Sanitary Inspector:
RUSSELL F. FORRYAN, M.S.I.A. On military service.
Temporary Additional Sanitary Inspector:
BERTRAM J. DREW, M.S.I.A., Cert.R.San.Inst;
Clerk and Assistant:
LISTER H. HOOK. On military service.
Temporary Clerk and Assistant:
ROBERT A. HUNT.
The work of the department proceeded as normally as possible.

(ii) OTHER SERVICES:

a. Laboratory Facilities: Advantage has been taken of the services of the Ministry of Health Emergency Laboratores.
b. Ambulance Facilities: No change.
c. Nursing in the home: No change.
d. Treatment Centres and Clinics: The Sick Bay and Clinic set up at Letchworth House to deal with evacuated children is working well. The other treatment Centres and Clinics have all carried on normally.
e. Hospitals: (Public and Voluntary) No change.

SECTION C:

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1.(i) Water: There has been no material change during the year. Bacteriological samples are taken every fortnight. The samples throughout the year proved most satisfactory.
(ii) Drainage and Sewerage: No material change.
2. Rivers and Streams: No change.
(i) Closet Accommodation: No change.
(ii) Public-Cleansing: No change.
(iii) Sanitary Inspection of the Area: Work has proceeded as normally as circumstances will permit (See Chief Sanitary Inspector's Report).
(iv) Shops and Offices: Fourteen shops were visited and inspected. No contraventions found. It was not possible to carry out any general inspections of offices.
(v) Camping Sites: (a) One site was used. (b) One licence was granted.
(vi) Smoke abatement: Routine inspections were made.

(vii) Swimming baths and pools: Public: There were 75,992 attendances. Samples taken at regular fortnightly intervals and the results were satisfactory.

(viii) Eradication of bed bugs:

1. (a) Council houses found to be infested - 16
   (b) Other houses found to be infested - 23
   All were disinfested.
2. Same as previous year.
3. - do -
4. - do -
5. - do -

SCHOOLS: No change.

Rag Flock Acts 1911 and 1928: Same as 1938.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY BYELAWS OR REGULATIONS: Same as 1938
Twenty visits were paid to barbers and hairdressers premises.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT: Normal work was maintained.

FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES: At December 31st 1942 there were on the register - 144 mechanical factories; 53 non-mechanical factories and 47 workplaces.

H O U S I N G.

SECTION D:

HOUSING STATISTICS 1943.

Number of new houses erected during the year:

(3) by other bodies and persons	-
(4) by Public Utility Societies	-

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:

1.	(a) Total number inspected	97
	(b) Number of inspections made	136
2.	(a) Inspected under Housing Acts	33
	(b) Number of inspections made	49
4.	Number found not to be in all respects fit	26
2.	Remedy of defects	
	Number of houses rendered fit	25
	Action under Statutory powers	-

Public Health Act, Section 83: Notices served 1; Remedied 1.
- do - Section 93 - do - 1; - do - 1.

4. Housing Act 1936 Part IV - Overcrowding:

(a)	No. of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	7
	No. of families dwelling therein	14
	No. of persons	68
(b)	No. of new cases found	2
(c)	No. of cases relieved	-
	No. of cases concerned	-
(d)	No. of dwelling houses again overcrowded	-
(e)	Remarks same as 1938.	

SECTION E: INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply, including cream and ice cream. The work of supervision was maintained as far as possible. Six farms are registered for the production of milk, and twelve persons are registered as retail purveyors of milk, nine of whom have premises within the district. One dairyman produces and retails Tuberculin Tested (Certified) Milk, two bottle and retail Tuberculin Tested Milk. One dairyman retails Tuberculin Tested Milk. Five farmers produce and two dairymen retail Accredited Milk. One application for a licence to pasteurise and sell Pasteurised Milk was granted.

Samples: Brief particulars of samples taken are as follows:-

Tuberculin Tested Milk.		Accredited Milk.	
Number taken	16	Number taken	8
Average Count	102,962	Average Count	102,387
Lowest Count	600	Lowest Count	11,200
Highest Count	412,800	Highest Count	419,200
Bacillus Coli	Present in 1/100ml. in five samples.	Bacillus Coli:	Present in 1/100ml. in 3 samples.
Methylene Blue Test:	Passed 15	Methylene Blue Test:	Passed 7
	Failed 1		Failed 1
Resazurin Test:	No. Examined 12	Resazurin Test:	No. Examined 8
	Class A 9		Class A 7
	Class B 1		Class B 1
	Class C 2		Class C -

Pasteurised Milk.	
Number taken	13
Average count	88,123
Lowest count	200
Highest count	412,800
Phosphatase Test:	
Number submitted	3
Number passed	3
Bacillus Coli Absent	10
Present in 1 ml.	1
Present in 1/10 ml.	-
Present in 1/100 ml.	2

Ordinary Milk.		
Number taken		69
Average count		157,959
Lowest count		2,000
Highest count		913,200
Bacillus Coli Absent		6
Present in 1 ml.		5
Present in 1/10 ml.		15
Present in 1/100 ml.		18
Present in 1/1000 ml.		25
Methylene Blue Test:	Passed	32
	Failed	11
Resazurin Test:	No. examined	34
	Class A	20.
	Class B	12
	Class C	2

Ice Cream: Number taken - None.

(b) Meat and other foods: The usual routine inspections were maintained as far as possible during the year. Further details are given in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Carcases inspected and condemned (excluding shops).

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1,675	537	1,211	5,055	1,615
Number inspected	1,675	537	1,211	5,055	1,615
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT Tb.					
(a) Carcases condemned	1	4	3	15	36
(b) parts or organs condemned	191	102	12	128	149
(c) percentage affected	11.4	19.7	1.2	2.8	11.3
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.					
(a) Carcases condemned	11	24	4	-	4
(b) parts or organs condemned	17[illegible]	154	7	-	163
(c) percentage affected	11.2	33.1	0.9	-	10.3

(c) Adulteration etc. The County Council are the Food and Drugs Authority for the district, the officer being Mr.G.F. Hart.

SECTION F: PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

1. GENERAL.

During the year five hundred and seventy seven cases of infectious disease were notified as compared with three hundred and forty-three during 1942.

Catarrhal Jaundice.

This disease in its varying forms was made notifiable in this Region in November and two cases were notified. Full particulars of these cases were sent to the Regional Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health.

Cerebro Spinal Fever.

One case was notified, the patient being a woman aged 21 years who was removed to the Lister Emergency Hospital. It is possible the patient contracted the infection whilst visiting a military establishment where cases had occurred.

Chickenpox.

This disease was prevalent during 1942 and continued to be so throughout the year. One case was removed to hospital but generally the disease was of a very mild type.

Diphtheria.

No cases were notified during 1943.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis.

Five hundred and twenty-two children were immunised during the year and it would appear that the position at the 31st December was that 70.5 per cent of the child population under the age of five years, and 89.9 per cent of the child population between the ages of five and fifteen years had been immunised. Allowing for the fact that very few children under the age of one year are immunised, the percentage of young children treated is in the region of 89.1. These results are very satisfactory.

Dysentery.

One case was notified, the patient being a young woman trainee who was living in a hostel, and was removed to the Lister Emergency Hospital.

Erysipelas.

Twelve cases were notified and two were removed to the Isolation Hospital for treatment. The majority of the patients made a quick recovery.

Measles.

Two hundred and eighty-one cases were notified compared with ninety-seven the previous year. Most of the cases were young children under the age of ten years, and I regret to state that one case proved fatal. The patient did receive hospital treatment.

Pneumonia.

Twenty-one cases were notified and eight of these received hospital treatment. One of the cases notified proved fatal, but there were seven deaths from other forms of pneumonia and one from influenza.

Puerperal Pyrexia.

One case was notified and treated at home. The patient was not seriously ill.

Scarlet Fever.

Forty-one cases were notified compared with twenty-eight during 1942. Thirty seven cases were removed to the Isolation Hospital and only two were over the age of ten years. There were no deaths and all the cases were of a mild type.

Undulant fever.

Three cases were brought to my notice during the year and all these patients were supplied with milk by the same dairyman. A thorough investigation was made at the dairy and at the farms concerned and innumerable samples were taken. The samples proved that there was infection present at the farms. Every effort was made to deal with the infection at the farms, and a number of infected animals were removed from the milch herds.

Whooping cough.

Sixteen cases were notified compared with four cases during the year 1942. The patients were all under the age of ten years.

Malaria:

No case was notified during 1943.

2. CANCER. There is no evidence of any abnormal prevalence. There were 28 deaths during 1943, nine males and 19 females. There are no special facilities available in the district for diagnosis or treatment.

3. TUBERCULOSIS: No action was necessary under the 1925 Regulations or the Public Health Act 1936.

4. TUBERCULOSIS: New cases and mortality during 1943:-

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
5-	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	1
10-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
25-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
30-	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
45-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total 1943	12	4	6	6	1	-	-	1
Total 1942	8	7	6	2	2	3	2	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASE - LETCHWORTH URBAN DISTRICT 1943.

Disease	At all ages.	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65	Removed to Hospital	
Catarrhal Jaundice	2							2							
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1									1				1	
Chickenpox	198	5	2	8	14	16	112	21	9	8	3			1	
Dysentery	1								1					1	
Erysipelas	12									1	3	6	2	2	
Measles	281	10	15	29	31	39	140	9	2	5	1				1 D.
Pneumonia	21		1		1	1	3			1	3	7	4	8	1 D.
Puerperal Pyrexia	1									1					
Scarlet Fever	41		1	3	5	6	21	3	1	1				37	
Undulant Fever	3									1		2		2	
Whooping Cough	16	2			5	2	7								
	577	17	19	40	56	64	283	35	13	19	10	15	6	52	2 D.

D = Death.

In conclusion, I should like to thank both the Council and my colleagues in the Health Department and other services for their keen interest and co-operation during the year.

I am, Mrs. Harvey and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

BERTRAM SUGGIT.

Medical Officer of Health.

Council Offices,
Letchworth.
May 1944.

REPORT OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE SANITARY INSPECTORS DURING THE YEAR 1943.

I beg to submit my thirteenth report on the work carried out during the year 1943. As in previous wartime years, ordinary routine work had to be curtailed, but to an even greater extent. All essential matters were dealt with, but I regret that pressure of work caused unavoidable delay at times. At the time of writing (May 1944) the position is even worse and further inspectorial assistance is essential if standards are to be maintained. The summary gives full statistical details of the work carried out but the following matters are worthy of comment.

Housing: Only essential repairs were requested, but the various difficulties encountered made the supervision more involved and more time had to be expended to achieve lesser results. Some properties are showing signs of extensive wear and tear and there will be much leeway to make up when conditions permit. A close watch was kept on overcrowding and where possible living and sleeping arrangements were improved. A house may not be overcrowded as legally defined under the Housing Acts and yet the general living arrangements may be unsatisfactory. Verminous conditions showed a further increase and much treatment work was carried out.

Nuisances: All complaints received were investigaged. The increased keeping of poultry rabbits and other utility livestock has given rise to unsatisfactory conditions in some instances, mainly due to the inadequate housing of the stock. Shortage of proper materials is to some extent responsible. Some industrial nuisances were caused and these were alleviated as far as practicable. Many complaints were received regarding defective dustbins, and the available supplies were insufficient to meet the demand. Steps were taken to obtain a greater number and the position was improved, following representations to the Ministry of Health.

Rats: During 1943 an increased number of inspections and investigations was made and much useful work was accomplished. Advice, and in many cases assistance, was given to the general public. The County Authority again entered into contracts with the majority of the local farmers and other occupiers of agricultural premises to deal systematically with rat infestations. Many of the industrial and food premises are also treated under contract by private firms. The 1d. per tail rat scheme again did not prove attractive to the average householder, but 811 tails were brought in. In November the County Council authorised inspections to be made on their behalf. All this has assisted in preventing rat infestation from becoming serious.

Meat and Foods: As in previous years much time was spent in this work and duties at the Regional slaughterhouse had to be carried out at all times including Sundays and holiday periods. The wholesale meat depot was regularly supervised and many suggestions were made regarding the handling and transport of meat and offals. All butchers shops and food preparing premises were inspected as often as practicable. The supervision of the milk supplies entailed a considerable amount of work and it proved difficult to ensure that a satisfactory supply of clean wholesome milk was available to the public. Many samples were taken and every effort was made to achieve as high a standard as possible. There were fewer complaints from householders of the early scuring of milk. A close liaison has been maintained with the Provincial Dairy Bacteriologist and his staff engaged in the Milk Testing Advisory scheme.

GENERAL: (under Public Health and Housing Act):

(a) Visits and Inspections:

Houses inspected under Public Health Acts	64
Houses reinspected under Public Health Acts	23
Houses inspected under Housing Acts	33
Houses reinspected under Housing Acts	16
Houses visited re defective dustbins	109
Housing Survey: Form A primary	10
" " " A secondary	461
" " " B primary	1
" " " B secondary	-
Visits to overcrowded houses	5
Inhabited vans inspected	31
Nuisances investigaged	173
Systematic inspections of district	83
Special investigations re water courses and ditches	15
" " sewers	3
" " smells	22

Visits and inspections to entertainment premises	4
" " of swimming baths	17
" " of waterworks	4
" " to burial grounds	1
Smoke observations	13
Drains - smoke tested	5
Drains - water tested	14
Drains - coloured tested	4
Visits to works outstanding and in progress	557
Number of preliminary notices served	546
Number of statutory notices served	-
Visits to stables	19
Visits to piggeries	10
Visits to fowl runs	17
Visits to refuse tips	54
Visits re rat infestation	463
Visits to conveniences	5
Miscellaneous visits	93
Samples of effluent submitted for analysis	-
Samples of water submitted for analysis	-
Special Emergency Duties:	
General Civil Defence	282
A.R.P. Shelters	3
Evacuation	31
Feeding Centres and British Restaurant	48
Emergency Clinics	31
Emergency Mortuary	38
Nursery Schools	10
Food Control	11
Food Waste Collection and Salvage	169
Troop Billets	6
Emergency Water Supplies	2
Hostels	41
Rest Shelters	7
(b) Nuisances abated and Repair Work Carried out:	
Choked drains cleared and put into proper order	31
Choked W.Cs. cleared	2
Drains repaired or relaid	16
Inspection chambers built or repaired	7
Inspection chamber covers provided	4
Intercepting traps fixed or repaired	2
W.Cs. repaired or renewed	15
W.Cs. flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	10
W.Cs. cleansed	3
Urinals repaired or renewed	-
Soil pipes repaired or renewed	-
Vent pipes repaired or renewed	1
Fresh Air inlets repaired or renewed	2
Gullies repaired or renewed	6
Sinks provided or renewed	2
Lavatory basins and baths fixed or renewed	7
Waste pipes repaired or renewed	15
Pail closets abolished	-
Pail closets repaired	-
Chemical Closets	-
Septic tanks built or repaired	-
Cesspools repaired	-
Cesspools emptied and cleansed	2
Cesspools abolished	-
Water service pipes repaired or renewed	5
Wells repaired	-
Wells - new	-
Eaves, guttering and rainwater pipes repaired or renewed ...	6
Dustbins provided	35
Yard paving provided or repaired	8
Roofs repaired or renewed	19
Doors and door frames repaired or renewed	5
Windows and frames repaired or renewed	14

Lighting and ventilation improved	7
Fireplaces and ranges repaired or renewed	6
Chimney stacks repaired or rebuilt	6
Hot water systems repaired	2
Coppers provided or repaired	1
Floors repaired or renewed	5
Food Stores provided	-
Staircases repaired	4
Ceilings and plaster repaired	4
External rendering repaired or renewed	3
Brickwork repaired	5
Dampness remedied	9
Damp-proof courses renewed or provided	-
Overcrowding abated	-
Rooms cleansed	105
Dairies cleansed and limewashed	21
Cowsheds cleansed and limewashed	17
Cowsheds reconditioned	1
Bakehouses cleansed	7
Slaughterhouses cleansed	3
Lairages and stables cleansed	6
Filthy houses cleansed	2
Filthy ditches cleansed	1
Accumulations removed	33
Accumulations of manure removed	6
Animals improperly kept	6
Premises and sheds ratproofed	2
Premises gassed for rats	22
Premises baited for rats	19
Trapping	3
Rat tails brought in	811
Ponds cleansed	-
Ponds treated for mosquitoes	1
Refuse tips treated for flies and crickets	43

(c) Infestations:

	Council Houses.	Other Houses.	Visits.
Bugs	16	23	193
Fleas	2	2	9
Scabies	4	10	36
Lice	2	5	16
Crickets	2	2	81
Ants	1	1	3
Beetles and Cockroaches	3	11	51
Wasps	2	1	3
Flies	1	2	3
Moths	-	2	9
Earwigs	-	2	3

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES:

(a) Visits and inspections: To Abattoir 698; Butchers shops 299; Butchers vans 17; Fish shops 26; Other Food Shops 195; Bakehouses 33; Food Preparing places 129; Dairies 235; Cowsheds 96; Ice Cream vendors -; Cafes 31; Hawkers of foods 36.

(b) Samples taken: Tuberculin tested milk 16; Accredited milk 8; Pasteurised milk 13; Ordinary Milk 69; Ice cream -; Raw cream -; Milk for acidity 5; Milk for Undulant fever 36; Milk for Tuberculosis 1.

(c) Licences Granted: Tuberculin Tested milk - Bottling and Dealers 2; Tuberculin Tested Milk - Dealers 1; Accredited Milk - Supplementary dealers 1; Pasteurised milk - Pasteurising 1. Amount of fees £2.14. -d.

(d) Carcases Examined: 1. At Abattoir: Cows 537; Heifers 282; Bulls 46; Bullocks 1347; Calves 1211; Sheep 5055; Pigs 1615.

11. At Shops and Other Premises: Beasts 69; Calves 21; Sheep 186; Pigs 73.

(e) Condemned and Destroyed: 1. At Abattoir: 28 cow carcases; 12 other beasts carcases; 1 side English Beef; 39 forequarters English beef; 15 hindquarters English beef; 1737 lbs. English Beef; 209 beasts heads; 753 beasts lungs; 74 beasts hearts; 380 beasts livers; 147 beasts kidneys; 179 beasts mesenteries; 82 spleens; 511 other organs; 7 calf carcases;

7 calf lungs; 1 calf heart; 4 calf livers; 8 calf kidneys; 2 calf spleens; 14 calf plucks; 10 other organs. 40 pig carcases; 8 forequarters pork; 1 hindquarter pork; 457 lbs. pork; 141 pig heads; 94 pig plucks; 77. pigs lungs; 88 pigs livers; 85 pigs kidneys; 132 pigs mesenteries; 42 pigs spleens; 136 other organs. 15 sheep carcases; 2 hindquarters mutton; 115 lbs. mutton; 3 sheep heads; 11 sheep plucks; 9 sheep lungs; 100 sheep livers; 12 sheep kidneys; 4 sheep mesenteries; 5 spleens; 26 other organs. Total weight 53,671. lbs.

11. Wholesale Depot, Shops and Vans: 364 cans milk; 179 cans beef; 68 cans pork; 25 cans mutton; 5 cans tongue; 89 cans meat products; 12 cans rabbit; 142 cans fish; 233 cans vegetables; 135 cans fruit; 40 lbs. jam; 191 lbs. English beef; 463 lbs. Imported beef; 1 sheep; 2 lbs. imported mutton; 1 lb. English pork; 58 lbs. imported pork; 30 beasts other organs; 30 lbs. sausage meat; 449 lbs. bacon; 2620 lbs. ham; 14 boxes herrings; 2 boxes makerel; 45 English eggs; 91 lbs butter; 650 lbs. chocolate; 2 bottles coffee; 12 bottles mustard; 15 jars relish; 5 jars pickles; 151 pastries; 610 lbs. flour; 1 barrel beans; 390 lbs. peas and lentils, 13 lbs. sugar, 20 tins dried milk, 5 jars malt extract.

Regular Notices of Slaughter received - 1;
Notices of Occasional or Emergency Slaughter received - 38;
Applications for licences to slaughter animals - 12;
Licences granted to Slaughtermen - 12.
Amount of fees received - 12/-d.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE:

(a) Visits and Inspections: Diphtheria immunisation 8; V.D. propaganda 52; To infected houses 679; to childrens' and Nursing Homes 8; to schools 45; Typhus control 40; Number of School notices sent 266.

Disinfection: General cases 85. school rooms 30, Tuberculosis 22; hospital wards 1; library books 23, Evacuation and A.R.P. 3, vehicles 5, disinfestation 128.

(b) Bedding Stoved: Palliases 2, beds 10, bolsters 4, blankets 194, quilts 1, cushions 1, sheets 4, overlays 1, pillows 7, mattresses 31, eiderdowns 1.

(c) Bedding Destroyed: Mattresses 8; beds 12, pillows 12.

FACTORIES: Inspections and visits to:- Mechanical factories 86, Non-mechanical factories 24, work-places 30.

PETROLEUM ACTS: Visits and inspections 18, contraventions found 1; contraventions remedied 1.

Number of licences granted: (a) Petroleum Spirit and products 20. (b) Carbide of Calcium 4. Amount of fees received £13.15. -d.

Notices of intention to store petrol under Petroleum Spirit (motor Vehicles) Regulations 1929: 1.

SHOPSACTS: Number of shops on register 212 (1940); Visits and inspections 14. Intimation notices served -; Contraventions found -; Contraventions remedied -.

GAME LICENCES: Number of licences granted -; Amount of fees received nil.

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS: Number of visits and inspections 20; number of contraventions found - nil.

From the foregoing summary it will be seen that despite pressure of emergency duties, a considerable amount of work has been successfully accomplished. This has been achieved only by the loyal co-operation of all concerned, which I take this opportunity of acknowledging, and, in doing so, must make particular reference to the invaluable help and ready assistance given by Mr. Drew.

Yours obediently,

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